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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
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The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Like many in the U.S. Senate, I expressed concern in 2011 about the potential GPS interference problems that could be posed by the planned rollout of the terrestrial broadband network planned by LightSquared. To your credit, once it was determined that technical issues could not be resolved, you decided not to allow LightSquared to use bandwidth adjacent to the GPS spectrum.

I do, however, believe that LightSquared's plan to build a nationwide network would benefit consumers if it can be done in a way that does not interfere with existing and important uses of spectrum. More competition lowers prices and leads to improved levels of service, which is especially important to rural states like North Dakota.

Because of this, I ask that you work to try to identify alternate spectrum that could be used by LightSquared to build such a broadband network. I am confident that a path toward this goal can be found that will satisfy all stakeholders, and advance the public interest.

Sincerely,



KENT CONRAD  
United States Senate



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

November 27, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Kent Conrad  
United States Senate  
530 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Conrad:

Thank you for your letter regarding the LightSquared proceeding. I appreciate your interest in this matter and am pleased to provide the enclosed letter on this issue from the Chief of the FCC's International Bureau.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Genachowski", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends to the right.

Julius Genachowski

Enclosure



International Bureau

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November 27, 2012

The Honorable Kent Conrad  
United States Senate  
530 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Conrad:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to consider options that will allow LightSquared to offer its planned wireless broadband service, including authorizing use of alternative spectrum for this service. Your letter will be included in the record of the related proceedings and considered as part of the Commission's review.

Commission staff has continued to meet with representatives of LightSquared and is working through the complex issues of this proceeding. LightSquared recently filed a series of license modification requests and a related petition for rulemaking that seeks access to spectrum that is currently shared with the Federal Government. The Commission is in the process of coordinating this request with our counterparts at NTIA as necessary. Please be assured that the Commission will consider this matter carefully.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Mindel De La Torre", is positioned above the printed name.

Mindel De La Torre  
Chief, International Bureau